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### Goodyear mayor in rush for I-10 work

GOODYEAR - By waiting to vote on funding for the Interstate 10 widening acceleration, Avondale and Litchfield Park could delay construction by at least a week, Goodyear Mayor Jim Cavanaugh said.

In theory, if Avondale and Litchfield Park approve the funding before the state Transportation Board considers the agreement on Friday, the state could start advertising the project to contractors, Cavanaugh said.

But Avondale Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers said she will wait to vote until Oct. 1 to see how the state board acts, and Litchfield Park Mayor Tom Schoaf said he wouldn't vote until he sees a final agreement.

"If the state board does not have a report in from those two cities confirming their agreement with these provisions, then this road will be delayed," Cavanaugh said. "Whether it's delayed a couple weeks or more, we can't accept that, frankly. That's inexcusable."

### Wittmann residents irate at Surprise

SURPRISE - More than a dozen Wittmann residents angrily criticized what they felt were Surprise's haphazard annexation plans, poorly advertised public meetings and inaccurate meeting minutes at a recent city Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

Surprise eventually plans to annex about 300 square miles spilling into the unincorporated areas of Wittmann, Circle City and Morristown and extending north to the Yavapai County line. Many residents upset by that wanted to know why Surprise planned to annex housing developments and give approval to build more houses in those areas.

### Goodyear school named Copper Trails

AVONDALE - Copper Trails will be the name of the Avondale Elementary School District's eighth campus. The school is scheduled to open in August at 167th Avenue and Canyon Trails Boulevard in Goodyear.

After an online poll and a mail-in ballot that attracted just fewer than 200 votes, the governing board went with the popular choice.

Students at Copper Trails School are expected to come from Centerra Mirage, Desert Star and Desert Thunder schools.

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